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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE

1. BERLIN PRESS REPORTED JULY 17 IN BONN-DATELINED STORIES THAT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD PROBABLY STOP OVER FOR TWO DAYS IN FRG ON WAY TO CSCE SUMMIT IN HELSINKI, WITH JULY 26 AND JULY 28 VARIOUSLY MENTIONED AS DATE FOR VISIT TO BONN FOR TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. BERLINER MORGENPOST AND DIE WELT CARRIED SPRINGER NEWS REPORT THAT PRESIDENT WOULD ALSO VISIT BERLIN SHOULD FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUEST THIS. LUMMER, CHAIRMAN OF CDU FRAKTION IN BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WAS REPORTED AS DECLARING THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY NECESSARY FOR PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE BERLIN IN SCHEDULE, AND THAT EXCLUSION WOULD LEAD TO POLITICAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

2. BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT LORENZ TELEPHONED MISSION OFFICER MORNING JULY 17 TO INQUIRE WHETHER VISIT TO BERLIN WAS IN FACT ON PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE AND GOVERNING MAYOR-- BOTH ON LEAVE AS OF NEXT WEEK--WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING OF ANY SUCH PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO BERLIN IN TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS. MISSION OFFICER RESPONDED THAT AS OF PRESENT WE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL

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VISIT TO BERLIN, AND WERE HENCE NOT IN POSITION EITHER TO

CONFIRM PRESS SPECULATION OR TO EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY.

3. WE PLAN TO REFER POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES ON
SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON, NOTING, BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, THAT
WE HAVE NO INFORMATION HERE ON PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL PLANS. GEORGE

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